IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ANTHONY J. GRZIB * STATE BOARD OF

PHARMACIST * PHARMACY

License No. 21110 *

CONSENT ORDER

HISTORY

On or about February 21, 2016, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") received an application from Anthony J. Grzib for renewal of his license to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 21110. On his application, Mr. Grzib answered "yes" to a personal attestation question regarding his out-of-state disciplinary history. Upon request from the Board, Mr. Grzib provided copies of consent orders with the Ney Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Mr. Grzib, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, the Board proposed, and Mr. Grzib agreed, to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about February 21, 2016, the Board received an application from Mr. Grzib for renewal of his Maryland pharmacist license, License No. 21110. Mr. Grzib was initially license by the Board on October 18, 2012, and his license was set to expire on February 29, 2016.
- 2. On his application, Mr. Grzib answered yes to personal attestation question #1, which asks: "Has any state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland) or any similar agency in the Armed Forces, denied your application for a license, reinstatement or renewal, or taken

any formal disciplinary action against any registration or license held by you? Such actions include, but are not limited to, reprimand, suspension, or revocation."

- 3. Mr. Grzib failed to explain his "yes" answer or provide any documentation verifying his disciplinary history on his renewal application. Upon follow-up by the Board, Mr. Grzib provided copies of consent orders with the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
- 4. On October 22, 2015, Mr. Grzib agreed to a consent order with the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy related to sterile compounding violations that took place at Wedgewood Village Pharmacy when Mr. Grzib was pharmacist-in-charge. Specifically, the New Jersey Board found that numerous sterile compounds were dispensed with use-by dates that exceeded 30 days or with prescription labels that failed to include dates and times of preparation and/or failed to include use-by dates and use-by times. The New Jersey Board placed Mr. Grzib on two years of probation; prohibited him engaging in sterile compounding, serving as a pharmacist-in charge or preceptor, or having any ownership interest in a pharmacy during the probationary period; imposed a \$10,000 fine; and required Mr. Grzib to complete twelve additional continuing education credits.
- 5. In its consent order with Mr. Grzib, the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy acknowledged that "[n]o evidence of contamination was found during the inspections" and that Mr. Grzib "has been fully cooperative with the Board's investigation and has made efforts at bringing the pharmacy into compliance with New Jersey statutes and regulations and with the USP guidelines."
- 6. On February 24, 2016, Mr. Grzib entered into a reciprocal consent order with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy based on the New Jersey conduct. The Louisiana Board also

placed Mr. Grzib on probation until October 31, 2017.

7. Mr. Grzib currently lives and practices pharmacy in New Jersey.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Mr. Grzib is subject to this Order pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-313(b)(24) and (25) and COMAR 10.34.19.06.

ORDER

It is this ______ day of ______, 2016, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, hereby:

ORDERED that Mr. Grzib's license be placed on immediate PROBATION for at least TWO (2) YEARS, *nunc pro tunc* to November 1, 2015, during which he shall:

- 1. Comply with all terms and conditions of his October 22, 2015 Consent Order with the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy;
- 2. Notify the Board within ten (10) days of any further action taken by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy; and
- 3. Inform the Board in writing before he begins working as a pharmacist in Maryland, at which point the Board, in its discretion, may choose to impose further terms and conditions of probation; and be it further,

ORDERED that after two (2) years of probation, Mr. Grzib may petition the Board to terminate probation, provided that he has been fully compliant with the terms of probation and does not have any pending complaints filed against him, and provided that his probation with the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy has been terminated and his license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey is in good standing; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds in good faith that Mr. Grzib has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event the Board finds in good faith that Mr. Grzib has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may immediately summarily suspend Mr. Grzib's license prior to a hearing, provided that Mr. Grzib is given the opportunity for a show cause hearing within a reasonable time of such action; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-333(b).

9/39/16 Date

Deena Speights-Napata, Executive Director

for

Mitra Gavgani, President Maryland Board of Pharmacy

CONSENT

- 1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
- 2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
- 3. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document.
- 4. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
- I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

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Anthony Grzib, License No. 21110

STATE OF New Tersey COUNTY/CITY OF Cloucester:

I hereby certify that on this ______ day of <u>September</u> 2016, before me, a Notary Public of the State of <u>New Tersey</u> and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared ANTHONY GRZIB, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.

Notary Public

My commission expires: